check smuggling of raw silk to India and matter is also being taken up with Nepal Government

NTC Mills in Karnataka

4243. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NTC mills in operation and the mills lying closed in Karnataka as on date;

(b) the number of workers engaged in such mills and the production of NTC mills in the State annually;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are preparing a revised package for revival of NTC mills in the country; if so, the details of such package; and

(d) whether a corpus found of Rs.2000 crores created duirng last year was actually created; if so, the details of usage thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) There are 4 NTC Mills in the State of Karnataka. Of these, 2 mills situated in Bangalore city (Mysore mills and Minerva Mills) have been merged. no Mill is lying closed.

(b) The total number of workers engaged in the 4 NTC Mills in the State of Karnataka is 3155 as on 31.3.1997. These four mills produced 10.88 lakh kgs. of market yarn and 68.03 lakh metres of cloth in 1996-97.

(c) In the Statement made on the floor of the Lok Sabha on 3.3.1997 the reasons for non-implementation of the Turn Around Strategy for NTC mills approved by the Government in 1995 have been indicated. Since sale proceeds from surplus land are not available and the BIFR has not yet given its approval to the rehabilitation package, the NTC(HC) have submitted a report after reviewing the economic viability of each of the mills by taking into consideration the concessions approved by the Government in 1995 and the concept of net worth becoming positive as per the BIFR norms. This report is present under consideration of the Govenrment. No final decision has yet been taken. The salient features of the revised Turn Around Strategy would be laid on the Table of the House as and when finalised.

(d) No, Sir.

गुजरात हथकरघा विकास निगम के लिए सहायता

4244. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या **वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात हथकरघा विकास निगम ने हथकरघा विकास जैसेः काष्ठकला, तांबे और कांच की वस्तुएं हस्त रंगाई कालीन और साड़ी बुनाई तथा मिट्टी बर्तन बनाने से संबंधित योजनाओं के कार्यान्यवन हेतु सहायता मांगी है;

(ख) क्या अहमदाबाद, कच्छ, पंचमहल, बड़ोदरा और जामनगर में हथकरघा विकास के लिए कुशल और अकुशल कामगारों और कारीगरों के लिए धनराशि आवंटित करने हेतु कोई योजना बनाई गई है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(घ) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है;

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० जालप्पा): (क) जी हां

(ख) से (घ) सरकार की योजनाओं में हथकरघा के विकास हेतु कुशल व अकुशल श्रमिकों और शिल्पकारों को प्रत्यक्ष रूप से निधियां आबंटित करने पर विचार नहीं किया गया है।

Export of Cotton

4245. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quota for export of cotton during 1996-97;

(b) the actual shipments upto the March, 1997; and

(c) the reasons for shortfall in export of cotton?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) An export quota of 12.41 lakh bales of cotton has been released so far in the 1996-97 cotton season.

(b) As against the export quota of 12.41 lakh bales, the actual shipment upto 25th March, 1997 was 3.96 lakh bales.

(c) In respect of most of the agencies to which export quota has been allotted, the shipment period has been given upto September, 97. It is too early to say that there has been a shortfall in export of cotton.

Schemes for Development of Handicrafts in Bihar

4246. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The schemes fromulated for development of handicrafts sector in tribal and backward areas of Bihar;

(b) The Funds provided for development of handicrafts sector during the last three years, schemes-wise, and

(c) The number of artisans/craftsmen benefitted therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No specific scheme has been formulated for development of the handicrafts sector in the tribal and backward areas of Bihar. However, the schemes being implemented for promotion and development of handicrafts on all India basis include : training, design and technical development, marketing support, setting up of crafts development centres, workshed-cum-housing and publicity.

(b) The funds provided for development of handicrafts sector in the state of Bihar during the last three years, scheme-wise, is as per statement attached (*See* below).

(c) The number of artisans/craftsmen benefitted directly from the funds released to the State of Bihar during the last three years is about 6000.

Statement

The details of funds released, scheme-wise, for the development of handicrafts in the State of Bihar during the last three years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Schemes	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Exhibition	1.00	1.43	0.80
2.	Publicity	—	0.07	—
3.	Design Development	0.11	2.11	—
4.	Training	11.28	16.00	20.97
5.	Marketing	—	1.13	5.23
6.	Marketing Development Support	—	—	—
7.	Survey and Studies	2.38	5.70	1.43
8.	Welfare	—	—	—